

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 3 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An image reading device comprising:

a housing;

a reading processor that optically reads an image recorded on a recording material sheet to generate image data;

an image data transmitting processor that can transmit said image data externally to a peripheral device;

an image data recording processor that can record said image data in a recording medium mounted in said housing;

a recording operation determination processor that determines, based on ~~a state of whether~~ said recording medium is mounted in said housing, whether a recording operation of said image data recording processor is possible; and

a control processor that, when said recording operation determination processor determines that said recording operation is impossible, prohibits said recording operation and allows said image data transmitting processor to transmit said image data to said peripheral device.

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2. (original) A device according to claim 1, further comprising a display device that indicates said recording operation is prohibited when said recording operation determination processor determines that said recording operation is impossible.

3. (canceled)

4. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation determination processor determines whether said recording operation is possible based on a remaining recordable volume of said recording medium.

5. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation determination processor determines whether said recording operation is possible based on a formatting state of said recording medium.

6. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation determination processor determines whether said recording operation is possible based on a type of said recording medium.

7. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card.

8. (original) A device according to claim 7, wherein said memory card comprises a PC card.

9. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium comprises a magneto-optical disc.


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10. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium comprises a magnetic disk.

11. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said peripheral device comprises a computer.

12. (currently amended) An image reading device comprising:

a device that optically reads an image recorded on a recording material sheet to generate image data;

 a device that transmits said image data to a computer provided externally to said image reading device;

a recorder that records said image data in a recording medium ~~mounted in~~ that is readily removable from and reattachable to said image reading device;

a device that determines, based on a state of said recording medium, whether a recording operation of said ~~image data recording processor~~ recorder is possible; and

a device that controls said transmitting device and said recording device and prohibits said recording operation and allows said ~~image data transmitting~~ device that transmits said image data to transmit said image data to said computer when said ~~determining~~ device that determines determines that said recording operation is impossible.

13. (currently amended) The An image reading device ~~according to claim 1 wherein~~ said comprising:

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a housing;

a reading processor that optically reads an image recorded on a recording material sheet to generate image data;

an image data transmitting processor that can transmit said image data externally to a peripheral device;

an image data recording processor that can record said image data in a recording medium that is readily removable from and reattachable to said housing;

a recording operation determination processor that determines, based on a state of said recording medium, whether a recording operation of said image data recording processor is possible; and

a control processor that, when said recording operation determination processor determines that said recording operation is impossible, prohibits said recording operation and allows said image data transmitting processor to transmit said image data to said peripheral device.

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) An image reading device comprising:

a housing;

a reading processor configured to optically read an image recorded on a recording sheet to generate image data representing the image;

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an image data transmitting processor configured to externally transmit the image data to a peripheral device;

an image data recording processor configured to record the image data in a recording medium that is readily removable from and reattachable to said housing;

a recording operation determination processor configured to determine, based on a condition of the recording medium, whether a recording operation of said image data recording processor is possible; and

① a control processor configured to prohibit the recording operation and allow said image data recording processor to transmit the image data to the peripheral device, when said recording operation determination processor determines that the recording operation is impossible.
